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COURAGEOUS — Sheik Nabil Quauk, left, a Hezbollah official, demonstrates his courage at the Lebanon port-city of Sidon as he walks on the U.S. and Israeli flags.



Ruth Wisse: Jews always are too ready to yield

JERUSALEM — Mideast peace will come only when the Arabs learn to yield land and the Jews to hold it.

This was the substance of a talk by Ruth Wisse, professor of Yiddish and comparative literature at Harvard, who said that Jews in Israel and the diaspora are evincing the theory that if your adversaries don't like you, seek the fault in yourself.

She pointed out that in many ways "this politics of accommodation" was a brilliant strategy, a political experiment almost as startling in its originality as the concept of monotheism.

But there is one problem and that is that it doesn't work, she said.

The author of a number of books and Yiddish anthologies, Wisse is director of Harvard's Center for Jewish Studies. Her view, according to an article in The Jerusalem Post by Michael Arnold, is that the Jews' solution to the hatred of others was not to press their own demands for acceptance and tolerance but to seek to change themselves. And with that perspective the Jewish peace lobby calls for Jewish accommodation on Jerusalem rather than Arab accommodation to Jewish demands.

Wisse concedes that the Jews' excessive self-blame may have its roots in the Torah in the breast-beating and the interpretation of any hardship, be it military defeat at the hands of Amalek or plague among the Israelites, as retribution for some internal moral failing that has only to be identified and addressed for the misfortune to lift.

"Jews tend to present themselves as being so moral if they stand up for persecuted peoples, but it would only be true if these Jews were willing to stand up first and foremost



Ruth Wisse

for the most persecuted people of all, which is the Jew," she said.

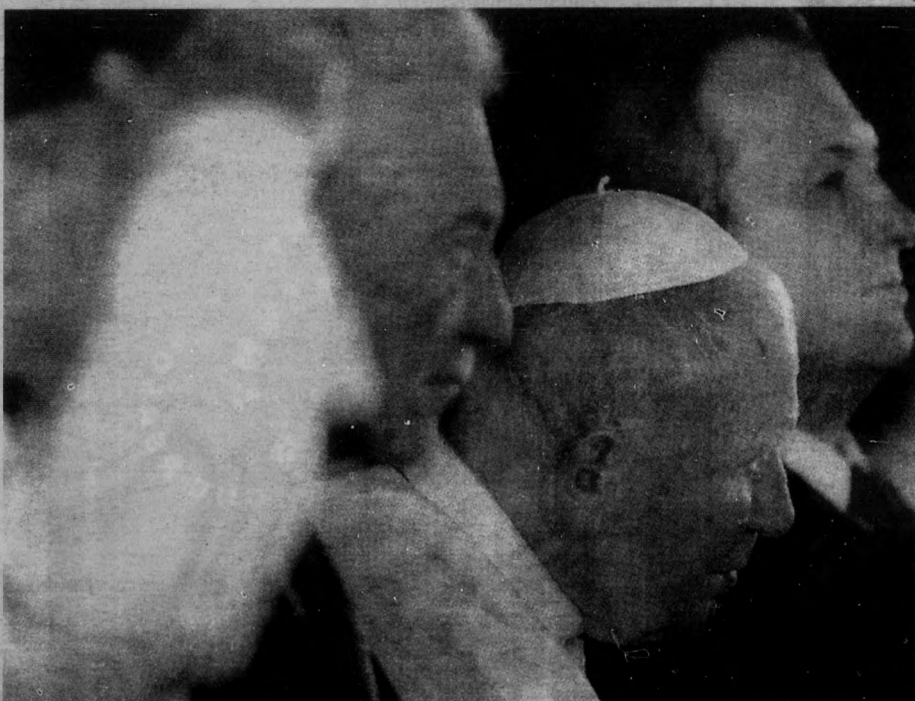
"No other people in the 20th century has been so subject to the politics of delegitimation and aggression, and it's bound to take a toll. So we begin to yield, and you think 'it's wonderful, it will bring peace, it will bring the solution.' It's a very self-congratulatory kind of move, and your intellect tends to support it because the alternative seems too bleak to contemplate: to hold firm not for one generation, but for 10.

"That is a very viable option as far as I'm concerned. If anyone thinks it's going to take less than that, they are obviously willing to sacrifice the State of Israel, because it will take many, many generations for the Arab world to transform itself into a modern, democratic society."

The Wisses made aliyah in 1970 but returned to Canada after one year.

There was an opposite view as expressed by Benny Morris, a historian. "Let her come here and fight first before she sends other people to shed their blood. The Israelis should be the ones to decide what to concede and how it should be done. The Arabs have made the basic concession of accepting Israel's exist-

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THREE LEADERS — The picture which could be judged the best of the visit of Pope John Paul II to Israel is this one of him between the two top Israelis, President Ezer Weizman at left and Prime Minister Barak.

Trips make heritage visible

By SUE FREEMAN

"After only a few days [in Israel] I realized that I not only felt a connection to the land, but also my people," Alissa Smith told the Minneapolis Jewish Federation's Board of Directors at their January meeting. Smith, a freshman at the University of Minnesota, recently traveled to Israel with Birthright Israel, an organization providing Jews between the ages of 15 to 26 a free, first-time trip to Israel. The program is designed to boost Jewish identity.

Smith was one of 20 students from the University of Minnesota who went on the trip, along with Hillel Director Amy Olson. "Students that had the opportunity to take part in this extraordinary experience felt inspired and connected to the Jewish community because of the trip," said Olson.

This sentiment also rings true for Robyn Miller, a U of M student who visited Prague and Israel on the United Jewish Communities (UJC) Winter Student Mission. The student mission focused on educating young adults about the Holocaust and teaching them how to become leaders in the Jewish community.

"Everyone on the trip was

touched," said Miller. "Everyone learned something and everyone was excited to bring it back to spread throughout their home communities."

Miller's trip was made possible through a subsidy by the Federation. "Without the financial aid of the Federation, I, and so many other college students, would have missed out on such a deeply moving experience. It is imperative that other students are given the opportunity to do what I did and see what I saw," said Miller.

Bruce Goldstein, 2000 Missions co-chair, couldn't agree more. He is hoping to send more people from Minneapolis overseas in the coming year. "I want to get more people from our community to Israel to help them connect to Israel and to Judaism," Goldstein told the board of directors. Several missions are planned this year, including a trip to Israel for those who have never been there before, a trip to Cuba and one traveling to the former soviet Union. These trips show people, firsthand, the living conditions of Jews overseas and reinforces the need for continued support.

"The work we do is incredible," said Federation treasurer Beth Kieffer Leonard, who traveled to Baku, a remote Muslim republic on the Caspian Sea, to meet Jews living in the region and to see how the work of the Federation is helping them survive. "Because of our help, these people find hope in their surroundings," said Kieffer Leonard.

Substantial support by the Federation goes towards the resettlement of Jews, in Israel and locally, "half of the population [at Menorah Plaza] are immigrants from the former Soviet Union," said Karen O'Toole, housing administrator of Menorah Plaza and Menorah West, apartment complexes that offer subsidized housing for older adults. The Menorahs are two of five facilities in the Twin Cities managed by Shalom Community Alliance, an organization that receives funds from the Federation.

O'Toole reported on how these funds, in part, cover the cost of hiring Russian speaking staff. Having staff fluent in Russian has broken down many roadblocks in

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Klan may sue to wear masks

BARBOURVILLE, Ky. — An Indiana-based Ku Klux Klan group is threatening a federal civil-rights lawsuit against Barbourville for hastily passing an ordinance that forbids the KKK members to wear masks in public.

Klan members rallied in the town Saturday, April 1, but complained that the new ordinance kept the turnout low and abridged their rights under the First Amendment.

Jeff Berry, National Imperial Wizard of the American Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, whose home is Butler, Ind., told news media people who might have attended masked stayed home in fear of losing their jobs if they were identified as attending.

Seventeen Klan members attended rallies in Barbourville and Pineville on Saturday.

Berry said the Constitution

guarantees anonymous free political speech.

The ordinance bans the wearing of hoods or masks for anyone 13 or older in public places or on another's property. Klan members went barefaced in both towns. Pineville has had an anti-mask ordinance for years.

The Klan sued New York City over its anti-mask law in 1999 and won after two federal judges recognized that the masks offered members protection from possible retribution. But a federal appeals court overturned that ruling, arguing the law did not stop the group's free speech right.

No arrests were reported as a result of the rallies, but one man in Pineville was restrained after arguing with Klan members. A Klan member also filed a police report complaining that a black youth scratched his truck.

Jeff Smulyan honored by HHA

Baseball Commissioner Alan H. "Bud" Selig will be the featured speaker for this year's HAI-Life Awards Dinner presented by the Hasten Hebrew Academy on Sunday, June 11.

The dinner will honor Jeff Smulyan, chief executive officer of Emmis Communications and a leader in the community.

The gathering, which also is a fund raiser, also will greet honorees and graduates.



Jeff Smulyan

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Conference to focus on issues of human rights, hatreds

LAFAYETTE — University of Chicago historian Peter Novick has questioned the relevancy of the Holocaust to life today. Maybe he'll change his mind after attending the 19th annual Greater Lafayette Holocaust Remembrance Conference here.

Novick is author of *The Holocaust in American Life* and is one of the featured speakers at the conference scheduled for April 8 and 9.

As always, the conference will look at the present and future as well as the past. The main theme is "Our Town — Overcoming Prejudice." To that end, the conference will include discussions of hate crimes, response to the growing number of Hispanics in the community and Purdue University's response — or nonresponse — to a call by students and others for boycotting sweatshop products.

"Accepting newcomers like Hispanics has become a major issue. Some factories are in desperate need of workers, but there is some prejudice toward these people," says Rabbi Gedalyah Engel, coordinator of the conference. The

head of a Latino group is now a member of our Holocaust committee and, as a result, has been learning a great deal about the best ways of reaching out," including seeking the help of the Chamber of Commerce, Engel says. He said some of the conference workshops will be conducted in English and Spanish to involve the Latinos in the audience.

This community has seen some bitterness fairly recently involving church-state issues in a dispute over banning the display of crèches on public property during the Christmas season, Engel noted.

Most of the events will be in the Class of 1950 auditorium on the Purdue University campus, but some will take place at the Hillel Foundation and other sites.

Engel said he hopes some of the survivors who speak will help make it clear to Novick and others that the Holocaust experience is relevant to human rights issues today.

The main Holocaust speaker will be a survivor, Yaffa Eliach, a professor of his-

tory and literature at Brooklyn College. Her books include Hassidic tales dealing with the Holocaust and the story of her small community, Eishyshok, in Poland and how the Poles there killed or drove away Jews who returned after the war to reclaim their homes.

Her presence reminds us that it isn't only the Germans who are guilty of basic anti-Semitism, Engel says. A Polish mob killed Eliach's mother. Her father took the children and ran.

"There were always pogroms" before Nazism, Engel says. "What the Germans are guilty of was showing how it was possible to totally annihilate a people." So Poles who would never have thought of eliminating all the Jews in town were ready to do so after the Germans were defeated, he says.

An MTV producer, Ira Fields, who produced a documentary of interviews with hate group members will talk on "Hate Crimes in America" and will participate in a panel discussion with Novick and several local media members,

moderated by Kevin Klose, president and chief executive officer of National Public Radio. Klose visited Lafayette 10 years ago when Irina McClellan became an honorary citizen of Greater Lafayette. The community had lobbied hard and successfully to gain her release from the Soviet Union to rejoin her U.S. husband at a time when many Jews were being refused emigration requests. The struggle to free her took more than 11 years.

Klose will speak at a 1:30 April 8 session on "Democratic Dialogue: Questions for the 21st Century."

Survivor Anna Akeley, an educator, will speak Saturday night on "Memories of Pre-Nazi Austria."

"Labor, Immigration and Us," will be the discussion Sunday morning featuring Pat Rios of Governor O'Bannon's office and Jose Salinas, an Indianapolis lawyer. Salinas will speak later that day on "U.S. Immigration Laws — How Just?"

A program on "Teaching the Holocaust," is one of the most successful projects of the

Holocaust committee, Engel says, involving teachers and students not just on the Purdue campus but in middle and high schools.

Sweatshops have become an issue at Purdue and many other campuses around the nation. Six young people at Purdue have been fasting to draw attention to the issue and others have been sleeping on the lawn as they seek to persuade the university to ban the sales of sweatshop T-shirts and other products on campus.

There will be a workshop also on "Catholics and the Holocaust," dealing with the role of the church during World War II.

Joe Rubenstein, a retired Purdue psychology professor, will speak Sunday at a local Presbyterian church on "Growing up Jewish in America during the Nazi era."

"Hopefully, from these workshops we will get reports and resolutions on Sunday night as our closing event," Engel says.

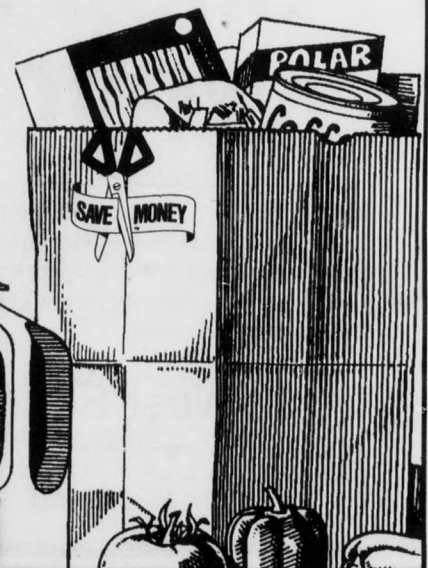
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Bubbe wisdom

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No one looks good in a yarmulke.

Why spoil a good meal with a big tip?

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Never pay retail.

It's always a bad hair day if you're bald.

No one leaves a Jewish wedding hungry; and no one risks a hangover.

And what's so wrong with dry turkey?

The optimist sees the bagel, the pessimist sees the hole.

If you can't say something nice, say it in Yiddish.

If you don't eat, it will kill me.

Never take a front-row seat at a bris.

One mitzvah can change the world; two will just make you tired.

Anything worth saying is worth repeating a thousand times.

The most important word to know in any language is sale.

Where there's smoke, there may be smoked salmon.

Prune Danish is definitely an acquired taste.

Next year in Jerusalem. The year after that, how about a nice cruise?

A schmata is a dress that your husband's ex is wearing.

Before you read the menu, read the prices.

Business is business

Three older gentlemen were talking after services one Saturday when the name of a mutual acquaintance came

up.

"Did you hear about Abe Bernstein? He got involved in a bad business deal and lost all of his money. He came to me for a loan, but I turned him down. I told him if he can't manage his own money, why should he have mine?" said Oscar.

"Ah, yes," replied Melvin. "Abe Bernstein's son was to marry my daughter, but I called the wedding off. When Abe came to see me I told him that with no family business to run, how could his son support a wife?"

"Listen," interjected Morris, "Abe Bernstein came to see me too, and I put him back on his feet."

Melvin and Oscar looked at him in amazement.

"How did you do that?" they gasped.

"I repossessed his car."

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(From the Jewish Humor List on the Internet)

In answer to the Oscars, there were the 'Irving's' for excellence in Jewish movies.

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ANGELA'S KASHAS — Woman reveals secret recipe
GIRLS, INTERRUPTED — Women's section of shul

shushed during davening
STUART LADLE — Mouse makes chicken soup on Shabbos

THE SEDER HOUSE RULES — Zayde lays down the law on Pesach

THE TALMUDIC MR. RIPLEY — Believe it or not, he knows gemorah

Conference

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May 2, related events began March 30 in this community, with a speech and film on black/Jewish relations and will continue Monday, April 10 with a meeting of the University religious Leaders and Tippecanoe County Ministers Association.

Mayors of Lafayette and West Lafayette issued proclamations recognizing the event, which is made possible by endowments from the Sam & Edith Chosnek Memorial Fund, the Irving & Shirley Kaplan Fund, and grants from CINERGY Foundation-PSI Energy, Eli Lilly & Co. Tippecanoe Laboratories and

the Gannett Foundation, in connection with the Lafayette Journal & Courier newspaper.

Chairpersons are Herman Cember and Myra Mason and the secretary is Susan Prohovsky, a former director of the Hillel House here and current president of the local 'Adassah chapter.

Also cooperating are the Diocese of Lafayette-St. Thomas Aquinas Center, the Jewish Federation of Greater Lafayette, Purdue's Office of Human Relations and its schools of education and liberal arts, as well as the Ackerman Center and Jewish Studies program.



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Critic's Corner

Julia Roberts-perfect as Erin Brockovich

By CHARLES EPSTEIN

The movie *Erin Brockovich* is really something. The title role is a real person who is lewd, crude and rude.

She spews dirty words at



the drop of a remark she re- sents. And sometimes she initiates the profanity. She wears shorts to show off her long exquisite legs and push-up bras to reveal as much cleavage as possible. She has been divorced twice and cares very much for her three kids. Her manners are coarse. Her intelligence is wanting. What she has working for her is just a pretty face and an outstanding body. Her brash personality is obviously a detriment. It is no wonder that she has difficulty finding and holding a job. Now who could possibly

portray this unusual woman with a resemblance of any reality?

Julia Roberts is absolutely perfect as *Erin Brockovich*. There is no doubt that she will earn an Oscar nomination. Roberts's characterization is outstanding.

At times she needs an accomplished actor to play off of. She has one of the finest in the world. Albert Finney is wonderful as the cautious lawyer who hires her with reservations and a sense of imminent peril. Roberts doesn't disappoint him. These two make an unbeatable team for entertainment. The importance of Finney in this film should be rewarded with an Academy Award nomination also.

There are some other fine actors in this movie as well. Roberts's love interest, is Aaron Eckhart. The repartee between them is delicious. Roberts goes to work for Finney's law firm as Eckhart plays househusband father to her three young children. Later in the feature film comes Peter Coyote as a stern lawyer. Coyote has a female assistant who delivers many subtle facial expressions. I am sorry I didn't get her name. Conchata Ferrell (I hope I spelled her name correctly) plays Finney's secretary. All contribute immensely to the film's enjoyment.

This motion picture is hard to classify. Basically, it is a drama about gathering evidence that a power company is hiding the fact that its spill of a hazardous chemical, hexavalent chromium, is causing nearby residents serious medical problems.

Although this is a serious situation and based on real happenings, the screenplay contains many humorous lines and moments. Writer Susannah Grant has fantastically blended high drama with low comedy. Many laughs thrilled the audience,

which actually applauded a few times during the showing of the film, which is a little over two hours. *Erin Brockovich* has the ability to elicit numerous vocal audience responses.

The film is directed expertly by Steven Soderbergh, for the direction is hardly noticeable. From what I have heard, this is supposedly the

highest compliment one can give a motion picture director.

The only hesitation I have about this film is that the dire situations of the residents with their neglected monster ailments and the comedy throughout the movie make for a curious mix that, at

times, was hard for me to take. To go from serious suffering and courtroom drama to uncontrollable laughter so many times left me emotionally exhausted. My vote is that *Erin Brockovich* is ALMOST a must-see film. It is really, dare I say it, an uplifting event.

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Pesach shows we all can change

By JEROME M. EPSTEIN

NEW YORK – Making a change in one's life is never easy. Even when we know that the change is right – or necessary – and even when a new course of action is supported and encouraged by others we often hesitate to move in a new direction.

Crossing the Red Sea was not easy for the Israelites. Even with God Himself standing by to hold the waters apart, the people were still afraid to take the first step. If not for the courage, faith, and

resolve of one individual, Nachson ben Aminadav, the course of Jewish history might have been quite different. From Nachson we learn an important lesson: While a leap of faith may well be a prerequisite for change, it is a leap of commitment that ultimately brings that change about.

The people of Israel have not been called upon in recent years to do anything as dramatic as crossing a raging sea. Nevertheless, we have faced

a great many challenges, many of them involving both change and risk. Like our ancestors before us, we have recognized that we cannot stand still, or inch backwards, but must take action and move forward.

Institutions can change. In fact, they must change if they are to continue to meet the needs of their constituents. Recently I spoke about the need to re-engineer our synagogues, rendering them more pro-active and increasingly

responsive to the particular needs of individual members. This is a big job – involving alterations not only in attitude but in allocation of resources. It will also entail reformulation of job descriptions and the discarding of functions that no longer further the mission of the congregation.

As we approach Passover 5760, we must look back with awe at the generation that was asked to change from day to day in order that a new people might be created. How fright-

ened they must have been. Today, while the changes we are called upon to make in our personal lives and in our communal institutions are much less dramatic, they must nevertheless be treated with the utmost seriousness. Let us take stock of the areas in which we must move forward and resolve, this Pesach, to take the first step.

(Rabbi Epstein is the executive vice president of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, the association of Conservative congregations in North America.)

HIAS helps families link

NEW YORK – HIAS, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid society, announces a new online location search service. In response to increasing requests for help in locating friends or loved ones separated by social upheaval and immigration, HIAS has made these location inquiries available online through its web site: www.hias.org/location. Listings will be updated periodically, and search forms are available at the site.

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Trips

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"In order to do what needs to be done, we need money, said Linda Fiterman, 2000 Campaign Chair. Fiterman reported that the 2000 annual campaign has reached nearly \$11.1 million.

(Sue Freeman is marketing director of the Minneapolis Jewish Federation).

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Obituaries

Mary L. Fink, 84, was charity leader

Mary Lapinska Fink, 84, a longtime leader in the Federation and the community, died Wednesday, March 29.

Mrs. Fink received the Federation's Liebert I. Mossler Award for community service in 1984.

She was a member of the Women's Conference Steering Committee and served on the boards of the Jewish Community Relations Council and Hooverwood. She also had been president of the Women's Conference and chaired the Federation's Women's Division campaign.

She had served on the board of Jewish Family and Children's Services and on various committees at the Jewish Community Center.

Aside from her Federation activity, Mrs. Fink served on the boards of Meals on Wheels, the Indiana Jewish Historical Society, the Indianapolis Section of the National Council of Jewish Women and the Welfare Service League of Marion County. She also served as president of those organizations and held offices in the Indiana Religious Historical Association and the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation Sisterhood Board. She served on the Israel Bond Committee and the board of Hadassah.

Mrs. Fink held leadership roles also on the Service Council of the five-counties Hoosier Capital Girl Scout Council, on the city PTA, on the legislation committee of the Community Service Council of Metropoli-



Mary Lapinska Fink

tan Indianapolis and on the Mayor's Task force on Aging.

B'nai B'rith Lodge presented her its Woman of the year Award in 1976, the same year NCJW gave her its Hannah Solomon Award. She won the David M. Cook Award in 1973 and in 1972 was honored by Theta Sigma Phi (now Women in Communication).

Mrs. Fink was a homemaker and the widow of Louis H. Fink.

Survivors include her daughter, Lee Ann Runkle, and sister, Betty M. Lehner.

Services were Friday, March 31 at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Meridian Hills Mortuary. Burial was in Indianapolis Hebrew Cemetery North.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hooverwood Guild, Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation Women of Reform Judaism or the donor's favorite charity.

Khana Brodataya, 85, taught mathematics

Khana Brodataya, 85, who taught mathematics for more than 30 years in Russia, died Thursday, March 30.

Mrs. Brodataya was a graduate of the University of Odessa.

She was the widow of David Kotelyansky.

Survivors include her

daughters, Irina Klauz and Susanna Rafalovich, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were Sunday, April 2 in Indianapolis Hebrew Cemetery North. Arrangements were handled by Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Meridian Hills Mortuary.

Lenore B. Shane, 93, ran furniture business

Lenore Beerman Shane, 93, of South Orange, N.J., formerly of Indianapolis, died Thursday, March 30.

Mrs. Shane resided in Indianapolis from 1938 to 1992.

She and her husband, Albert Shane, owned and operated The Home Furnishing Co. at 2701 Northwestern Ave., from 1938 until she retired in 1971.

She was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and was former treasurer and budget director of the congregation Sisterhood. She was a member of Hadassah, National Council of Jewish Women and Ohev Zedeck Cemetery Association.

Survivors include sons Gerald and Kenneth Shane and two grandchildren.

Services were Monday, April 3 at Ohev Zedeck Cemetery. Arrangements were by Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Meridian Hills Mortuary.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

James Atlas, 59, former head of B'nai Torah

Attorney James Atlas, 59, a founding member of Lubavitch of Indiana and a former president of B'nai Torah Congregation, died Tuesday, March 21, in Baltimore.

Mr. Atlas practiced law in both Baltimore and Indianapolis and had residences and offices in both cities.

He was for many years a member of the board of direc-

tors of Lubavitch of Indiana.

Services were March 22 in Baltimore at the Saul Levenson Funeral Home and burial was in Rosedale Cemetery in Baltimore.

Survivors include his wife, Miriam, sons Harry in Baltimore and Reuben in Passaic, N.J.; a daughter, Ida, in Baltimore, and five grandchildren.

Stella B. Dorman was Beth-El member

Stella Berkowitz Dorman of Corona del Mar, Calif., formerly of Indianapolis, died Thursday, March 30.

Mrs. Dorman was a graduate of Indiana Business College. She managed the infants department of H.P. Wasson & Co.

She was a member of Congregation Beth-El Zedeck and a 50-year member of Hadassah and the National Council of Jewish Women.

Mrs. Dorman was the widow of Bernhardt Dorman.

Survivors include her sons, Burton, Mike and Bob Dorman; a brother, Irvin Berkowitz, 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were handled by Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Meridian Hills Mortuary. Burial and graveside services were Sunday, April 2, in Pacific View Memorial Park, Newport Beach, Calif. Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

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Jewish Post & Opinion

Conservatism Lite

As for the repudiation by the Reform rabbinate of the move toward tradition as espoused in the 10 principles of Rabbi Levy we have this response from a keen observer of American Judaism who is not a rabbi but whose views have been widely published on Jewish issues.

"I do not know the details of why all of these Reform rabbis who were in favor, in principle at least if not in every point, of supporting the efforts of Rabbi Levy to move toward tradition, more observances, etc., were not able, from one published draft to the next, to prevent the Classic Reform rabbis from watering down the Ten Principles. The culmination occurred on the last day and evening of the Pittsburgh convention when an avalanche of amendments virtually gutted the original intentions of many rabbis.

"The final vote was 324-88. One has to wonder: do 324 rabbis represent a majority of the Reform rabbis in the United States and Canada? The only explanation this member of a large Reform congregation can think of that would fit the events that occurred is that many Reform rabbis who honestly supported the general thrust, if not every detail, of Rabbi Levy's effort, were increasingly pressured by their boards of directors, by key benefactors of their congregations, and by the beginning of at least a trickle of members announcing that they are leaving the congregation. Some of these rabbis may have voted with the Classic Reformers; many others may have just abstained.

"This Pittsburgh convention, however, will not be the end of the story. Those Reform Jews who want to wear kippot will continue to do so. Those who know Hebrew will continue to prefer Hebrew to transliterations — (and more honest transliterations, please). Those who prefer at least SOME of the traditional melodies will continue to ask for them. Stay tuned."

Another suggestion

Although a little late since the Reform rabbis have just held their annual convention in Greensboro, N.C., here is a suggestion that might be of some importance as far as attendance at services. The suggestion would have been for the female rabbis at the convention to have issued a call for women to persuade their husbands to attend Sabbath services. Such a call might well have been successful since it is usually the Jewish woman who is the decisor for Jewish aspects of family life.

Also such an appeal might shame the male rabbinate into beginning to call on their membership to attend weekly services.

It just might be that the American Jewish community is ready for just such an appeal and not only by the female rabbinate but by our rabbis in general.

Is there a way in which the united words of all female rabbis could be raised for such an appeal?

We offer the thought that such an appeal would be successful for it would serve to give strength to the women of our families who, we can assume, would want the family to attend services regularly.

Also there is the point that nothing good is ever too late.

Editor's Chair

The letter in this issue from Allen Dropkin relates to why those who seek to convert Jews to Christianity, at least those who have no sense of honesty much less decency and their corruption is obvious.

Would a Jew stoop to such deception?

When we receive the payment for the advertisement we're inclined to use it to buy a plane ticket to where these corrupt people live and convince them that they made a bad mistake, at least in our case. Those who know our past personal history understand what we mean.

We would hope that some Christian group

Gravestones are smashed

SATU MARE, Romania — Vandals destroyed dozens of graves and several monuments in two Romanian Jewish cemeteries. "Everything was smashed as if a bombardment took place," said Nicolae Steinberger, the leader of the community, which is 300 miles northwest of Bucharest.

A second such desecration took place in Resita, 200 miles west of Bucharest, where 26 gravestones were smashed as well as some crosses in the neighboring Catholic cemetery.

Birthright Israel has competition

DETROIT — Birthright Israel is not the only provider of free trips to Israel as Harold and Penny Blumentstein and their family have created a \$1M. fund to enable young adults to experience a special Israel visit. Scholarships will be provided for those unable to afford the full price for such trips and, above all, "making sure that no individual is denied a trip because of cost."

will protest this type of fraudulent conversion effort and probably there just will be a Christian organization that will do just that.

Were there a Jewish organization that strives to convert anyone to Judaism and resorted to dishonest tactics like this, it immediately would be ruled out of Jewish life.

That being so, we then can expect some Christian groups to denounce this organization. Nothing less should be expected.

Only weeks ago there was the news about an en masse effort by the Southern Baptists to convert Jews of Chicago, a campaign that evidently has since been abandoned.

Artist Haacke denies trivializing Holocaust

NEW YORK — When the ADL and Marylou Whitney, daughter-in-law of the founder of the Whitney Museum of American Art, criticized the work of Hans Haacke on display at the museum, he responded with fervor that "trivializing the Holocaust is the last thing I want to do." The ADL also contended that the show "Sanitation" denigrated the memory of those killed by the Nazis.

Haacke said "it would be impossible to speak about anything if one cannot speak about historical references."

Linda, his wife of 35 years and who is Jewish, said, "he has always been accepted by the Jewish family."

In 1988 an installation he made for Graz, Austria, was included in a 1994 show at the Jewish Museum here called "The Art of Memory: Holocaust Memorials in History."

University squelches visit to eugenics conference

NEW YORK — News about a conference by American Renaissance, a publication promoting eugenics, the biological argument used by white supremacists, was learned when Dr. Frank Ellis, who teaches at Leeds University in England was refused a leave of absence to attend.

In a statement university officials said that in view of the available information on the event and on American Renaissance "the university has reached the view that it is not an appropriate academic conference for Dr. Ellis to attend during working time."

The National Union of Students president Andrew Pakes urged stronger action. He told the Jewish Chronicle of London, "I fail to understand how the university can cancel his leave but allow him to carry on lecturing. If the university cannot legally dismiss him he should at least be strongly disciplined."

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Women demand power and prove their case

ATLANTA — One of the messages heard at the recent General Assembly of the United Jewish Communities was of women taking a bigger role in fundraising in the Jewish community. In fact 22 percent of the revenue of the annual campaign is provided by women and they are the fastest growing segment of the drive.

Shoshana Cardin of Baltimore, a past president of the Council of Jewish Federations, said, "power used wisely is very effective. Women are using their resources in ways that does indeed open doors."

Carole Solomon told the recent General Assembly in Atlanta "we're seeing the tip of the iceberg. I really believe there is going to be an explosion in terms of responsibility for women's philanthropy and what it can accomplish." Gloria Minkin, past chair of the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta women's campaign, added that in a two-person household women affect what the gift is. Women are independently wealthy and women realize the need to set their own standards. The potential is enormous."

Shelley Sarver, co-chair of the Women and Philanthropy Task Force of the St. Louis Jewish Federations, said "it's a pretty important milestone recognizing that women control money." "We do challenge the status quo more," said Solomon. "If I look around, way beyond Jewish philanthropy — the Civil Rights movement, the quest for peace in northern Ireland, women have been incredible agents for change. We're the burr under the saddle."

Solomon told the Atlanta Jewish Times that "to some extent it's been a natural thing for committees to look to a businessman to head budget and finance committees. At the same time women, traditionally, that's the place they almost tried to avoid because of lack of comfort and expertise. That will have to change — and women have to make it happen. If minorities — in this case women — don't comprise at least a third of a committee then they have no voice. Any organization that doesn't open its doors to the participation of women suffers tremendously."

Same gender unions get approval of Reform

GREENSBORO, N.C. — After modifying the resolution to eliminate the quotation "kiddusha," Hebrew for holiness, the Reform rabbis in convention here ruled that their rabbis may officiate in weddings of committed same gender relationships between two Jews.

Rabbi Denise Eger of West Hollywood, Ca., one of the co-chairs of the Gay and lesbian Network, said the resolution will "create the opportunity for spiritual fullness for gay couples." She underwent a Jewish commitment ceremony with her lesbian partner several years ago and said the vote would "send a message of hope" to Jewish gays and lesbians, their friends and families.

The resolution does not use the words "marriage" or "wedding" and was modified shortly before the vote to say not only that "we support the decision of those who choose to officiate at rituals of union for same-gender couples," but also "and we support the decision of those who do not."

Some rabbis described the motion as a compromise since a background statement outlining the CCAR's positions over the years on the rights of homosexuals including a 1995 responsa committee that concluded by a vote of 7 to 2 that gay relationships "cannot be called kiddushin," the Hebrew word for marriage.

Rabbi Shira Stern, co-president of the CCAR's Women's Rabbinic Network which introduced the resolution said the resolution "affirms the sacred relationship between two Jews who are gay and lesbian and says that we are going to create materials to reflect that affirmation."

Rabbi Paul Menitoff, executive director of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, said the resolution marks the first time a "major religious body has indicated its support for any of its clergy to officiate at same-gender ceremonies."

The Reconstructionist movement has also gone on record as supporting same sex unions.

The actual floor discussion lasted only an hour with few rabbis speaking out against the resolution.

Jews' Southern roots said run deep

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Under the heading of "Jews' Southern Roots Run Deep" Diane Roberts, an editorial writer for the St. Petersburg Times, took a historic view of contributions they made to Southern history "long before the cliché of sun-seeking Jews flocking to Miami Beach retirement communities like so many peregrinating flamingoes, there were Jews in the Old South who were as much a part of the place as Robert E. Lee and Dixie.

Jumping right in, she wrote that Montgomery, Ala., was founded by Abraham Mordecai, New Orleans, Charleston, Vicksburg and Savannah had large Jewish populations and David Emanuel was elected governor of Georgia in 1801.

Continuing, she added that "the highest social and governmental circles of the Confederacy included aristocratic Jewish clans such as the Cohens and the de Leons of South Carolina; and a Louisiana lawyer, Judah Philip Benjamin, was successively attorney general, secretary of war, and secretary of state of the Confederate States of America. He was often called the brains of the Confederacy."

Then there was Moses Levy, she wrote, who in 1818 with his wife, Hannah Abendanone, acquired 60,000 acres in East Florida. Their bright, ambitious son, David, went on to become a member of Florida's 1838 constitutional convention, arguing against the division of the peninsula into two states. When Florida finally joined the union in 1845 he went to Washington, the first Jewish senator in American history. By the Civil War he had carved out a 5,000-acre plantation, Margarita, on the Homosassa River and built the first cross-state railroad from Cedar Key

to Gernandina.

Yulee was a slaveholder, married to a Christian, the daughter of Gov. Wycliffe of Kentucky, but did not hide his Jewish heritage. He supported the Confederate government but resisted allowing it to use his railroad for the war effort. He lost his plantation when the Union troops burned it. In 1865 he was accused of helping Jefferson Davis escape and was imprisoned at Fort Pulaski, Ga.

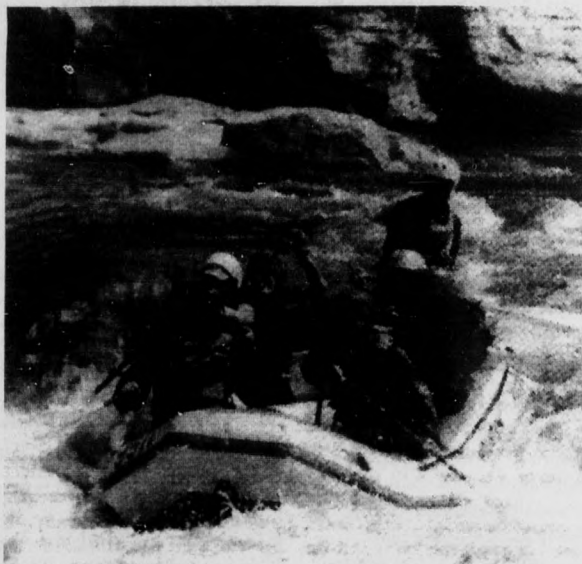
One of those Yulee supposedly helped was Judah Benjamin, who before joining Davis' cabinet was a Louisiana sugar planter and lawyer who shocked his colleagues by proposing that slaves be recruited into the Confederate Army and then emancipated in return for their service. He was considered "the cleverest man" ever to sit in the U.S. Senate though the "mob" called him "Mr. Davis' pet Jew."

After the Civil War, Roberts wrote "Jews in the South became important more as merchants than as political leaders. The Riches in Atlanta, the Cohens in Jacksonville, the Maas Brothers in Tampa and the Mendelsons in Tallahassee took over shopkeeping.

"Anti-Semitism hardened after the Civil War, Jews, Catholics and blacks — anyone who provided economic competition with white Christians — making life difficult and dangerous. Klan logic was that Jews could not be "real" Americans or "real" Southerners.

Roberts concluded that the Jews had been around in Florida as long as the Scottish or English ancestors of the white Christians. We were multicultural before multicultural was cool."

Roberts is a Times editorial writer.



BETTER THAN CAMPING — There is Jewish camping and now there is Jewish white water rafting as Rabbi Dov Kentov is shown in his 20th annual Whitewater Rafting trip to the mountains of Tennessee and North Carolina. The cost is \$275 and reservations may be made by calling the Jacksonville, Fla. Jewish Center youth office at 292-1000 ext. 145.

Boycott Olympics, Arabs are urged

TEL AVIV — Arab countries are being urged to boycott the Olympic Games in Australia because there will be a moment of silence in memory of the 11 Israeli athletes murdered by the PLO at the 1972 games.

Correction

Our book reviewer Sybil Kaplan says we were wrong in printing something recently about an Englishman being the "oldest living Jew" at 101 because in September she visited her Aunt Gussie Spector in Kansas City, Mo., who was 105 at the time.

[We know we'll get letters, because chances are there are Jews older than Ms. Spector. ed.]

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Obituaries

Rabbi Rosenberg dies in Israel

JERUSALEM — Rabbi Yaacov G. Rosenberg, formerly of Philadelphia, who served as vice chancellor for development of the Jewish

Theological Seminary, is being mourned. He served Congregation Adath Jeshurun in Philadelphia and made aliyah in 1987.

Rabbi Drillman taken by death

BROOKLYN — Rabbi Solomon Drillman, who served as professor of rabbinics at Riets and was a faculty member at the Yeshiva

High School, is being mourned. In 1984 he received its Rabbinical Alumnus Award.

Irwin Posner being mourned

YONKERS — Irwin Posner, chair of the UJA-Federation Yonkers general campaign, a vice president of the

Jewish Council of Yonkers and a member of the board of the Westchester Jewish Conference, is being mourned.

Anna Sokolow, dance specialist

NEW YORK — Anna Sokolow, a member of the dance faculty of the Juilliard School and a founding member of the faculty of the 92nd

St. YMHA Dance Center, is being mourned. The American-Israel Cultural Foundation noted that the dance world has lost a great artist.

Stolen tallit is recovered

BALTIMORE — When Morris Sochacewski's tallit and other religious items were stolen he took the advice of a friend and looked for them online and sure enough he found what he was looking for — "Beautiful Hebrew Prayer Set in 2 blue velvet pouches."

A few clicks later and a \$395 bid Officer Ken Driscoll

arrived at the seller's home eight blocks from that of Sochacewski's house. The woman told the police she bought the items at a flea market and is helping police in the search for whoever broke into Sochacewski's car.

Driscoll started his bidding at \$158 and topped 36 others with the winning bid of \$395.

Divorce paper at marriage

NEW YORK — Unable to find a solution to the problem of the agunah, whose husband refuses to grant a Jewish divorce although a civil one has been obtained, a group of rabbis are repeating their request that young couples sign a prenuptial agreement that will serve in such cases.

Eleven Yeshiva University faculty have signed a statement urging prenuptial agreements as "a critical step in purging our community of the distressful problem of the modern-day agunah" or women "chained" to dead marriages by husbands who refuse to give them a religious divorce.

Reform minyan 35 years old

WAYNE, N.J. — The morning minyan at Reform Temple Beth Tikvah has been holding services for almost 35 years and Paul Kaufman, assistant director of the Wash-

ington Township based regional office of the UAHC said the Reform movement's tilt toward tradition has been gaining momentum.

Death Notice

Rabbi Yaakov Rosenberg

We record with profound sadness the passing of our beloved colleague. He was Rabbi of Adath Jeshurun in Philadelphia where he became a national leader in the Conservative Movement. He influenced a generation of rabbis and we are grateful for his inspiration. In 1978, he became Vice-Chancellor of the Jewish Theo-

logical Seminary from which he retired as Emeritus in 1987 when he made aliyah to Israel. We express our deepest condolences to his children, Shira and Pinah and to all who were touched through his rabbinates. Rabbi Vernon H. Kurtz, President Rabbi Joel H. Meyers, Exec VP The Rabbinical Assembly

Red Cross wants to okay Israel's

WASHINGTON — The American Red Cross has urged the International Red Cross and the Red Crescent Movement to recognize Magen David Adom and its board of governors has empowered its management to pursue all necessary and appropriate means to accomplish full implementation of its 1989 resolution to that effect. Also it has directed management to report regularly to the board all matters related to this issue, adding that the exclusion of the MDA is a betrayal of the Red Cross fundamental principles.

Flood victims get JDC help

NEW YORK — A campaign to secure funds to aid victims of recent floods in Mozambique has been launched by the JDC. A total of 950,000 of that nation's 19 million people have been affected by the floods since Feb. 27 when a wall of water roared down the Kimpopo River valley, sweeping away hundreds of villages and thousands of people.

Donations may be sent to the JDC, 711 Third Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017.

Crusades dead top Holocaust

JERUSALEM — Not only Jews but also Muslims were involved as the pope visited Israel, but their reactions were hardly the same.

An article in the publication of the Middle East Media Research Institute relates an interview of the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, Eqirma Said Sabri, imam of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, who said among other things that many more Muslims were killed in the Crusades than Jews were killed under Nazism.

YU enrollment tops old record

NEW YORK — With an enrollment of 5,702 students, an increase of 5 percent over last year, Yeshiva University broke its record and if you add its affiliated schools such as the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary and the Philip and Sarah Belz School of Jewish Music and Yeshiva University High Schools, the number increases to 6,629, the highest ever.

Arafat gift honors rabbi's olive branch

TEL AVIV — It was something of a news story when gifts of a gold necklace and bracelet were received by Rabbi Menachem Fruman from Yasser Arafat for Fruman's daughter on her wedding. Rabbi Fruman had headed a delegation of settlers and religious Jews who had extended greetings to Arafat at his office in Gaza in honor of the Muslim feast of Id al-Adha. He told Arafat that it is possible to create a religious foundation between the two peoples as "all of us are the sons of Abraham and people of God".

Also in a letter to Arafat, Chief Sephardic Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron stressed the obligation of both religious communities to strive for peace. At the same time Rabbi Shlomo Riskin wrote to Arafat that there is no reason settlers cannot live together with Palestinians and extend mutual respect while building a socio-economic future together.

Mobile phones not for women

JERUSALEM — Women cannot use mobile phones in public for fear that it might lead to prostitution, the Beth Din of Jerusalem which is strictly Orthodox has ruled. Prof. Alice Shalvi, the leading Israeli women's lobbyist, was shocked.

"I am saddened that in the

guise of an halachic ruling women's freedoms will be limited for supposed modesty reasons. This way they are being returned to the dark days of medieval times. I am sure that other Orthodox rabbis will see this ruling as rubbish."

All confirmands get Israel trip

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — What could become a national effort was launched here as the confirmation class of Congregation Ahavath Chesed, all 17 students, were given a free

trip to Israel where they spent Purim. They were accompanied by Rabbi Steven Rau and three chaperones. A highlight of the trip was a second b'nai mitzvah class on Masada.

Japanese mag to apologize

LOS ANGELES — An apology has been made by a major Japanese magazine-publishing house for an allegedly anti-Semitic slur in one of its weekly publications.

Representatives of Shogakukan Inc. pledged to print a correction and an apology for an article claiming that

an international Jewish conspiracy was behind acquisition of a Japanese bank by a U.S. company. The article in Weekly Post carried the headline — "Jewish plot to take five trillion of taxpayers' money unveiled."

Ruth Wisse

Continued from page NAT 1
ence in the Middle East. For them it is a terrible concession. Maybe it's convenient from Boston to say we shouldn't make any concessions, but we also have to. Israel's concessions are in terms of land because that's the coin of diplomacy in the region. It may look much more real, but in fact psychological concessions are just as difficult to make."

As for Wisse, her response is that Israel "is not taking seriously what it means to be a competitive power. In the old strategy, the Jews were not against individual competition and economic competition but the one thing you never were was a political competitor."

"Jews tend to present

themselves as being so moral if they stand up for persecuted peoples," Wisse added. "But it would only be true if these Jews were willing to stand up first and foremost for the most persecuted people of all, which is the Jews. If you look at the moral history of the 20th century, to stand up for the Jews has meant standing up to the most aggressive political forces. It's almost a rule of them. When the Jews stand up for themselves here in Israel they're not just protecting the Jews, they are at one and the same time standing up to the most debilitating aggressive forces of the century. And if they lose this struggle, in a sense, they involve the world in a tremendous loss."

Media Watch

'The Rabbi' — evangelical deceit

By RABBI ELLIOT B. GERTEL

In recent weeks, several major local television networks across the country, along with the expected local "religious" stations, broadcast



an hour-long production called *The Rabbi*.

Personally, I was not surprised that it was an effort to propagate "Messianic Judaism," that is, Christianity with a Jewish flavor. Since no bona fide Jewish organization "claimed responsibility" for it in the abundant advertising before it aired (in TV Guide no less) and in several local newspapers, including many Jewish newspapers, even the *Post and Opinion*, one almost had to assume that this was part of well-funded Evangelical attempts to convert Jews.

The Rabbi was produced — or better, contrived and imposed on TV audiences — by Evangelist Morris Cerullo. It is corny and awkward fare, with souped up dialogue and plot. Cerullo seems to have gathered all the amateur Jewish actor wannabes in his congregation to strut their "messianic" stuff in this propaganda. The local stations did, to their credit, indicate that the "drama" was a "paid" presentation. Actually, they may also have offered the disclaimer in order to disassociate themselves from the poor production, writing and acting and from the deceit in the advertising, which did not mention Jesus, and thus violated, in a must unChristian way, the biblical law not to deceive. (Levit. 19:11)

The Rabbi is, however, helpful as a glimpse into the strategies and argumentation of "Jews for Jesus." It is the account of a young "professor of Hebrew" who lives near Dallas, returning with his wife to the home of his father, an Orthodox rabbi. The young "professor" (whom we soon learn to be an instructor at an Evangelical college) discovers that his mother is terminally ill. He must also face the an-

ger of his Orthodox Jewish brother and sister and of his father. He brings his son to celebrate Passover with the family, which includes a secular uncle. The latter comments on the family's loss of dear ones in the Holocaust, and does not want to see further losses due to "religion."

The hour is purposely non-confrontational on the part of the "messianic" son. We learn that he has not seen his family for years because his father has banished him. But he and his wife go out of their way to respect their parents' beliefs. He is torn about this because he wants to tell his mother about Jesus before her immanent death, lest she not

tempt for "Messianic Judaism" is no more nor less than his distrust of Reform and Conservative Judaism.

2. The assertion that Judaism is merely a construct of rabbis who keep the masses from knowledge of Jesus, and not a Holy Covenant binding upon all the people. "I was born a Jew by the will of Hashem," says the Dallas prodigal son, and not by the vote of rabbis. (Why don't Messianic Jews ever complain about the fourth-century vote of the Church Fathers that produced the Trinity-concept, or about the first-century vote of the Rabbis that gave us the canon of the Hebrew Bible?)

3. Rabbis have reinter-

venient sidestepping of the problem of hatreds among Christian groups.

5. The tired use of Isaiah 53 as a "proof-text" for Jesus, and the ready slogan that if rabbis don't interpret the text the way missionaries do, the rabbis fulfill the prophecy therein that Jesus would be rejected. Most respected, objective Bible scholars, whether Jewish, Protestant or Catholic, attest that Isaiah 53 is not a "messianic" text at all, that the "suffering servant" is a poetic image referring to the suffering of the faithful among Israel as they identify with their prophets and martyrs. To these Christian scholars, the association with Jesus is "typological," by association with New Testament motifs that may have been written with Isaiah 53 in mind. But even from purely internal, scriptural considerations, as opposed to historical criticism, Isaiah's vision of the "suffering servant" can have nothing to do with Jesus.

As Rabbi Tovia Singer points out in his fine anti-missionary tape series, "Let's Get Biblical," Scripture lets us know quite clearly that these remarkable passages are about the nations expressing their regret at their treatment of the Jews, who are clearly described as God's "suffering servant" in many surrounding passages. (I cannot recommend enough that readers order Singer's tape series and study guide, which should be in every Jewish home. For information you can call toll free, 1-800-315-5397. Rabbi Singer is an Orthodox scholar who serves as an adviser on fighting missionary activity to the Conservative National Federation Of Jewish Men's Clubs. His organization is known as Outreach Judaism, and he is truly committed to outreach to all Jews.)

The Jews in this film are all consumed by anger and hostility until they agree to listen to the message of Christianity. That is a common theme on "Jews for Jesus" or "Messianic Jewish" television programs, in the "testimonies" of Evangelical Jews who express pity for parents and grandparents consumed by such negativity. (It never occurs to them, however, that their Christianity has obviously not enabled

them to show respect and understanding for the Jewish relatives they calumnize.)

Particularly offensive in this film was Dad's wholesale insult of his "good" son, berating his son as unsuitable for a rabbinic career, and right after breaking the news to the young man about his mother's terminal illness. How can we not assume that the producers of this film stereotype Jews in this way, that their religious outlook is built on such archetypes of Jews?

Out of curiosity, I called the local CBS station, which aired *The Rabbi* at 10:30 p.m. on a Saturday night, and asked the going price for buying TV time at that hour. My source told me it was \$55,000. Clearly, Cerullo Ministries and their Evangelical backers have money to burn if they showed the program across the country at that rate, and took out expensive national newspaper and magazine ads to boot! That should be a wakeup call to Jewish organizations and particularly to foundations. The only way to extricate Jewish individuals from the false interpretations given by "Jewish Christians" and their mentors is on a one-on-one basis. Organizations like Outreach Judaism and Jews for Judaism require far more support, financial and moral, than they are getting in the Jewish community.

The Rabbi stank as drama, but, as I've warned since 1989, missionary TV will get more slick.

Coincidentally, the Sabbath chosen by Cerullo Ministries for televising *The Rabbi* was, in many communities, *Shabbat Z'chor*, the "Sabbath of Remembrance," in which we read of Amalek's attack of the defenseless among the Israelites as the people wandered from Egypt to the Promised Land. The Rabbis interpreted the verb describing Amalek's attack, *kor'cha*, "met thee," or "fell upon thee," (Deut. 25:17) as suggesting that the Amalekites did their worst damage by rendering the Israelites who were on the periphery emotionally or socially or religiously, cold (*kar*) to their Covenant and to their destiny. Missionaries succeed to the extent that they convince their

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The hour is purposely non-confrontational on the part of the "messianic" son. We learn that he has not seen his family for years because his father has banished him. But he and his wife go out of their way to respect their parents' beliefs. He is torn about this because he wants to tell his mother about Jesus before her immanent death, lest she not be "saved." Gradually, he persuades his father to let him say his piece so that the family can maintain love and dialogue. The film goes no farther than this; it purports to ask only for communication within families with "messianic" members. Yet it actually betrays some common "Messianic" tactics of argument and confrontation with Jews and Judaism...

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1. The use of differences within Judaism to legitimize belief in Jesus. Dad's con-

tempt for "Messianic Judaism" is no more nor less than his distrust of Reform and Conservative Judaism.

2. The notion that only Christianity can help Jews get over their hatred of Arabs and vice versa, an insult to both Judaism and Islam, and a con-

As I Heard It

Music to brighten any service

By MORTON GOLD

"Friday Night Live," by Craig Taubman, is the title of the CD to be reviewed in this column. The disc is a project of Temple Sinai in Westwood,



Calif.

The music, original lyrics and vocals are all by Mr. Taubman, occasionally assisted by Caren Glasser. Michael Turner arranged all the pieces and is a featured performer in many of them.

Obviously there is a market for this genre of music. First let me describe what this service is not. It is neither elegant nor sophisticated music. It is not for those of us who regularly attend services. It is also not bad. This is not so much faint praise as it is the realization that many worshippers are not sophisticated in their musical tastes nor experienced in the norms of a traditional service, be it Orthodox, Conservative, Reform or categories somewhere in between.

This music will be attractive and entertaining to many Jews, especially American Jews who seem to have fallen through the cracks, so to speak. They are the ones who find services of all three approaches (not streams please) to Judaism dull and uninspiring.

This service is in turn folksy, introspective, melodious, and charming. Ha Shem is not so much to be found in the heavens but may be found somewhere in the Temple. If so, He would probably be "having a gas." The first "tefilah," a setting of "Romemu," features Mr. Taubman. The tune is melodious and the arrangement

reminiscent of the sound and variety of the Smothers Brothers. This is neither bad nor good!

The second piece is a setting of "L'cha Dodi." Shades of New Orleans, this one really swings. Mr. Taubman may not have much of a *shtimme*, but his voice is well suited to singing this kind of material. In fact I will go further, it seems to be ideal! This is one bouncy "L'cha Dodi." (Infectious would be another possible description.) It begs the question whether or not it is suitable for use in the temple. That is an esthetic question.

Strictly as music, especially commercial kind of entertainment music, this selection scores a bull's eye. One can easily imagine teenagers (their parents, too) singing and clapping along with this melody. Perhaps not as weekly fare but for a "special" occasion this setting surely does welcome the Sabbath Bride in a spirited way.

"Narechu" is the third selection. This setting cannot be easily dismissed. The use of string bass and clarinet is imaginative and the solo setting of the prayer I found to be moving. Mr. Taubman may not have the voice to be a hazzan (I have heard worse) but he DOES communicate. Well done.

The fourth setting is that of the "Ahavat Olam." This has got to be one of the most restful, peaceful and introspective settings of this text around. The use of the solo cello is more than a mere obligato; the instrument is an equal partner in the music. While the piece itself is as uncomplex as one can find, it is simple without being simplistic. It is really lovely.

Cut number five is a setting of the "Sh'ma." It occurs to me that by now it is apparent that the composer really means it.

That is to say that he is sincere in setting the various prayers for use in a real service.

The only setting I would argue about is the last one, the Yigdal. While this setting is now intended for congregational use, it is a reasonably good one. The breathy, untrained voices were just right for singing the English ver-

sion of the prayer. While I did not like the counterpoint in the saxophone, it was more a matter of the timbre than the music. The sax just evoked too strongly a nightclub rather than a temple in this case.

The next prayer is a setting of the "Mi Chamocha." This prayer could really be sung by the congregation, albeit a hip one! I liked the use of the saxophone here as well as the snare drum, although I did not understand the purpose of the extended drum solo at the end, as there seemed to be no purpose to it.

The seventh selection is a setting of the "Hashkivenu." The addition of Caren Glasser was a welcome one; she has a very sweet soprano. The syllabic style was just starting to get wearing when one heard a welcome canonic treatment of this simple, gentle musical line.

Number eight, a setting of "Ado(shem) S'fatai. (I know that the Name appears fully spelled out in the newer Conservative Siddur but I cannot bring myself to write the "nai" after the "Ado.") There is a moving solo by Leo Chelyopov on the clarinet. (Also in the Sh'ma.) This lovely solo has little to do with what follows, but it is beautiful just the same. The Chassidic treatment is perfectly suited to the text and the string interludes are delightful. There is a charming counter melody that brings this setting to a close much too soon for me. This setting is a real winner and merits special praise. It is both genuine and disingenuous at the same time. To say I liked it is an understatement.

Setting No. 9 is of "Shalom Rav." Even though Mr. Taubman sings this text by himself with two guitars as accompaniment, it seems that this setting has real congregational possibilities.

Setting No. 10 is of the prayer "B'yado (My Soul I give to You) and is sung beautifully by Ms. Glasser with Mr. Taubman. It is a soothing and introspective setting. Each singer sings a different line and then they sing their respective tunes together. Very well done.

Now we come to the "Yigdal." For me the party is over, for others it might just be

starting. Just when I was believing that Mr. Taubman had a real "feel" for writing music for the temple (or synagogue) he had to do this. I suspect many will like this setting with its James Bond guitar ostinato. It depends on where you are coming from. I will say that is well performed, but I do not believe this setting to be either effective or appropriate for use in Jewish worship.

The last piece on the CD is a reprise of "Adoshem S'fatai but not in a chassidic style and brings this mostly enjoyable CD to a close. The liner notes were prepared by Rabbi David Wolpe.

To conclude: I am always a tad uneasy when I see a service labeled "Friday Night LIVE." Why "live?" Are we not alive when we attend a

service, pray and listen to the music; or is the implication here the music was not recorded in a studio? (It was.) With the real exception of the Yigdal, I enjoyed listening to Mr. Taubman's music (if not always his singing) and I can recommend this CD particularly to the "younger" audience. As for the setting of "Adoshem S'fatai," I can recommend it to Jews of any age or persuasion. Mr. Taubman has a world of talent. I encourage him not to waste it on trifles.

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SHAKER HEIGHTS, Oh. - She's only 5 feet tall, but as a hockey player she's dynamite and 17-year-old Whitney Karfeld is the star of the Shaker Heights High School team. She paced the team with 11 goals and two assists and her outstanding play catapulted the team to a 10-win

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adherents to give the cold shoulder to the Jewish relationship with God and Torah and to find "spirituality" in the assault upon it.

Milk, Honey & Vinegar

Good luck, Yasser!

By JUDY CARR

Good luck, Arafat. Israel hears that you are going to set up your own State, the Palestinian State. We will believe it when we see it, but stranger things have happened than new states in the Middle East.

Do you intend to seek advice from the Israelis on the running of Palestine? Israelis have over 50 years experience in how to manage a country. The Israel government would be happy to give you counsel-ing.

Palestine can have the Israeli bureaucracy, the armies of clerks, who hand the public from one desk to the next. Have you tried phoning an Israeli office? You are handed to five or six people before you are directed to the one you want, who is not in and his secretary has no idea when he will be back.

How is the educational system in Palestine? Israelis had a few good ideas, teach a skill to pupils of high school age so that they emerge at the age of 17 able to work. Israeli pupils teach Palestinian kids how to disturb, how to throw rocks at the teacher and how not to study.

The system of absorbing new immigrants - all those Palestinians who will flock to the new state will need a Ministry of Absorption and an army of clerks to make the lives of the immigrants a misery. Israeli immigrant officials will teach you how this is done.

And the Israeli welfare system. Tell them we have no budget for you. Tell them to go to their families. Let the neighbors feed them.

I never heard of a welfare system in Gaza. Do you plan to start one on Israeli lines: "It's none of our business. Look after yourselves."

I hope the new state of Palestine will have a grand inauguration. Here we can really help. We will send you Zubin Mehta and the Israel Philharmonic and the Israelis will buy up all the tickets for the event of the century. Israelis expect good food wherever they go so have a kosher caterer.

There is really no reason, speaking seriously, why Israel should not aid the New Palestinian State, if and when it comes into being. Worse

things will happen to Israel if the new Palestine collapses or just goes mad.

Arafat, we really do wish you well. In a way, some Israelis might rather envy you, starting again fresh, not yet made any mistakes, not mucked up things, not told the world how great you are

and then have the world discover you are nothing of the kind.

Invite the *Jewish Post and Opinion* to the great opening, won't you, Mr. Chairman?

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About Books

By JACK FISCHEL

March, April and May have become Holocaust commemorative times, and it is not surprising that many publishing houses issue books on



the subject during these months.

Among the most important published this month is *The Holocaust: Origins, Implementation, Aftermath*, edited by Omer Bartov. The book summarizes the major interpretations of the Holocaust by leading scholars such as Daniel Goldhagen and Michael Burleigh. Routledge (\$85 hb, \$24.99 paper).

Also from Rutledge is *Holocaust Fiction: From William Styron to Benjamin Wilominski*, by Sue Vice. This interesting book examines the controversies surrounding some of the more popular novels written about the Holocaust (April \$75 hb, \$24.95 paper).

The same publisher will issue in May *The Papon Affair: Memory and Justice on Trial*, edited by Richard Golsan.

She will be tennis champ

SOLIHULL, England — A new world Jewish tennis champ may be in the making as 12-year-old Amber Silverstone won the winter

Many scholars consider the trial of Maurice Papon, the most significant in contemporary French history and the most important since the Eichmann trial. The essays in this volume include those by Phillippe Burrin, Robert O. Paxton, Zeev Sternhell, and Alain Finkielkraut. (\$80 hb, \$24.99 paper).

Next month, Beacon Press will reissue the classic *Man's Search for Meaning*, by Victor Frankl. The author spent three years at Auschwitz, Dachau, and other concentration camps. Frankl went on to become a professor of neurology and psychiatry at the University of Vienna Medical School until his death in 1997. He also authored 29 books, but the one being re-released is his most famous, with more than 4 million copies in print (\$20).

The paperback edition of *The Holocaust: A German Historian Examines the Genocide*, by Wolfgang Benz, with a forward by Arthur Hertzberg, will be published in May by Columbia University Press (\$14.50).

This month Columbia University Press will also publish *The Vatican and the Holocaust*, edited by Randolph L. Brahm. The book includes essays by Franklin Littell, the Rev. John Morley and Rabbi James Rudin (\$35).

series ladies open tournament here. Only 12 years old she beat 18-year-old Lisa Quillen 6-1.

Goldstein wins, Gimelstob loses

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Paul Goldstein defeated Christian Rudd of Norway 6-2, 6-1 in the first round of the

Ericsson Open here, while Justin Gimelstob lost by 7-5, 6-3 to Roger Federer of Switzerland.

Quotation of the week

By RABBI JOE ROOKS RAPPORT

I know you know this, and I know that you know that I know it. But it has been so long since we had to talk about it, let's review the issue once again:

Reason #10: It's against the law. We settled that one 20 years ago when this exact case was carried from Kentucky all the way to the Supreme Court by our own Rabbi Martin Perley. The Nov. 17, 1980, Supreme Court ruling said, in part, "The preeminent purpose of posting the Ten Commandments on classroom walls is plainly religious in nature. The Ten Commandments are undeniably a sacred text in the Jewish and Christian faiths, and no legislative recitation of a supposed secular purpose can blind us to that fact."

Reason #9: When we elected you, you promised us you wouldn't do that. You remember, when you took the oath of office, you promised to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States. That includes the First Amendment that guarantees our freedom from religious coercion by government on behalf of a particular faith. And by the way, if you insisted on placing your hand on the Bible when you took that oath, then you are taking God's name in vain by doing this too.

Reason #8: Because the concept that the moral authority of the Congress of the United States or the Commonwealth of Kentucky will somehow better impress upon us of the value of these sacred words is deeply flawed at its very core. Let's see, maybe we can get the Dallas Cowboys to sew them on to their uniforms while we are at it!

Reason #7: Most people can't read Hebrew so they won't understand what it says anyway. OK fine, you could post them in English, but then what English translation did you plan on using? There are at least a dozen out there, each one endorsed by one or another particular religious institution. So which religion's version of the commandments does the government intend to endorse? And how exactly does the government do that without endorsing a particular religion or faith?

Reason #6: Religious people can't count. We all agree there are 10 Commandments, but we don't seem to number them the same. So whose counting are we counting on? And if you choose the Protestant counting of something as famous as the 10 Commandments, don't tell me that is not an endorsement of a particular religion.

Reason #5: The right of freedom of religion is not violated by the absence of religious symbols on the walls of our schools or government institutions. Anyone who chooses to can speak the 10 Commandments to themselves or to a friend. They can wear them on their t-shirts, on a chain around their necks, they can choose to carry them with them every minute of every day. The desire to have the school post them is purely intended to demonstrate government support of these patently religious ideals. That is exactly the kind of government support of religion which the First Amendment was intended to avoid.

Reason #4: Because Pat Robertson says we should. The drive for 10 Commandment legislation has suddenly reappeared as the #1 issue of the Conservative Christian Right. Abortion has taken a back seat for purposes of this coming election and this sudden flurry of challenges is a directed and intentional assault on our constitutional rights. This is not one issue of minor consequence, it is the first issue in an oncoming barrage.

Reason #3: Because despite all the other "Historical Documents" which might surround them in a display, and despite the fact that some of the 10 Commandments have become generically acceptable guidelines for good citizenship, some of the 10 Commandments are patently religious in nature. The first commandment demands a belief in God, the second commandments condemn statues and graven imagery, the fourth commandment calls for a cessation of work on God's Sabbath.

Reason #2: Because when people claim that the shootings would not have happened had the 10 Commandments been posted in Columbine High School, they deflect the growing outcry in this country for real change in the quality of public school and the ready availability of guns to our youth. When we allow people to feel righteous by posting some words on the wall rather than spending the time, money, and political courage necessary to really address our real and pressing problems we do something which makes our religious convictions nothing more than a pawn in the broader political

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Interview with Israel Prime Minister Barak

Excerpts from ABC News This Week with
Sam Donaldson and Cokie Roberts

Mr. Donaldson: The Pope's visit to this country is historic. What has it meant to the Israelis and to you, personally?

Mr. Barak: It's a major step towards a reconciliation between Christianity and the Jewish people. His visit to Yad Vashem, the memorial for Holocaust, especially, became a moving, defining moment for the relationship between the Church and Israel – to see the Pope, who was a personal witness to the Holocaust in Poland, now coming here and hosted by a Prime Minister of a strong, sovereign, free Israel which is the ultimate answer to Auschwitz. It was something very moving to all of us.

Mr. Donaldson: Did you ever think that you would see the primate of Rome come here?

Mr. Barak: I was deeply moved, but I believe beyond anything else he contributed to the message of tolerance, compassion, brotherhood among human beings, peoples, and by this even maybe indirectly contributed to the peace process.

Mr. Donaldson: When you went to Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial, he said he was deeply saddened by the persecution, acts of hatred, anti-Semitism toward Jews on the part of Christians at any time or any place. But many Jews wanted him to go further. Many Jews wanted him to apologize for the Holocaust. Do you think he went far enough?

Mr. Barak: I think he made a major kind of statement and you could even see on his face, and you know, in these days with the cameras the mimic sometimes tells more than the words. It was espe-

cially moving for me. I lost my grandparents in the Holocaust in Treblinka. He was a youngster that was brought up near Auschwitz. It's a moving event for all of us here and to see the Pope meeting with old people who were youngsters with him in Vadovica, near Krakow in Poland, or to see kind of Holocaust survivors, it was a moving event.

Mr. Donaldson: I'm trying to determine what is the exact sticking point (between Israel and Syria). You said that you're willing to withdraw from the Golan under certain conditions, and I'm trying to determine where the sticking point is.

Mr. Barak: I cannot go into details but it is the water, the control of the source of 40 percent of water for Israel. It's like the oxygen for a human being, or like the water for a human being. We need this control. It's about early warning. We need early warning. We have only a reserve army and very small nucleus of regular standing army, and we have to have early warning and security arrangements to protect our security. And, of course, to solve Lebanon and to put an end to terror.

If the other side is ready for these elements, there will be peace that will serve the future of both peoples and all the peoples of the Middle East.

Mr. Donaldson: Let's turn to the Palestinian question, because you're operating on at least two tracks, three if you count Lebanon here. Chairman Arafat has said quite flatly that this is the year of the Palestinian state and by September, at least, he needs to declare it. Is that all right with you?

Mr. Barak: We are determined to act very forcefully on all tracks – Palestinian, Syrian, and Lebanese. And as part of it, in the next six or seven months, we will have to have both framework agreement, further deployment and permanent status agreement. We are ready.

Mr. Donaldson: Prime Minister, are the people of Israel ready for a Palestinian state?

Mr. Barak: I don't want to get into the negotiation in advance, but may I mention that Arik Sharon, the leader of Likud, said two years ago, before I was elected prime minister, that practically, de facto, there is a Palestinian State in the West Bank and Gaza, and Yitzhak Mordechai, Netanyahu's Minister of Defense, used to say that de facto it is being created in front of our eyes. It still has to be negotiated and it will be, of course, part of any future negotiation with the Palestinians.

Mr. Donaldson: But today, sir, the spokesman for the Likud says there will be no agreement with Syria. Just says that flatly. They are saying that even if you and President Assad had negotiated something, they would not trust it and they would not agree to it.

Mr. Barak: The Likud is only part of the people, not very big one. It will have to be decided in a national referendum, and I'm fully confident that I will never sign an agreement that will not strengthen the security and the future of Israel. And if I will be ready to sign it, I'm confident there will be a landslide victory. It will be approved in even much wider kind of victory than I had when I was elected prime Minister.

Mr. Donaldson: Would you ever sign an agreement that would give East Jerusalem to the Palestinians as their capital, as Chairman Arafat wants?

Mr. Barak: Jerusalem united, undivided, is the capital of Israel under our sovereignty, forever. This is my position and the only position that I know of any Israeli government, past and future.

Mr. Donaldson: Prime Minister, to some, the Syrian question seems to be insoluble. The Palestinian question with East Jerusalem seems to be unsolvable. The Lebanese question seems to be unsolvable. Are you having a good time being prime minister of Israel?

Mr. Barak: I cannot say that someone pushed me against my will into this office. I spent many hours

with Israeli prime ministers, with the head of our intelligence, as commander-in-chief of our armed forces and as a minister. So I know exactly what I entered in and I'm very optimistic. Basically nothing comes without effort and without certain price and pain, but this is the time to make the historic decisions about putting an end to the conflict of 100 years between us and our neighbors and to push toward a secure, sovereign and free Israel that lives in mutual respect with all its neighbors without any illusions.

We are fully aware of the fact that the Middle East is Not North America, it's not Western Europe. This is a neighborhood where there is no mercy for the weak and no second opportunity for those who cannot defend themselves. But we are strong and we will defend ourselves. We'll defend our way of life as a democratic, open society.

Mr. Donaldson: Exactly, but the weight of your office must be very heavy. Prime Minister Meir almost lost this country. You have this responsibility. It's not just a question of, well, I can do it or my successor can do it. You could lose the country.

Mr. Barak: I will not lose it. We are a very strong country. The strongest 1,000 miles around Jerusalem. And we will not use the strength in order to dominate the region or to rule over another people, but in order to separate ourselves from the neighbors, make the nature of relationship clear, honest, frank and a sort of relationship of agreements and good neighborliness and mutual respect. I believe that we can cooperate with our neighbors.

The kind of slogan that says, "We cannot speak with the Arabs" – I do not accept it. I have a friend who used to be Speaker of the Knesset, he used to tell me, "Didn't we talk to the Germans just eight years after the fire in the crematoria was set off? Didn't we talk to the Poles, the Ukrainians, the Belorussians and Lithuanians, some of whom cooperated with the Nazis – we were ready to talk to them all and we cannot find a way to talk to Arabs? It is inconceivable."

I prefer to end with these words: I am optimistic. It's up to us. It's a matter of courage and leadership and we will have it.

Mr. Donaldson: Prime Minister Barak, thanks very much for sitting down with us.

Digest of the Yiddish Press

The monogamy mandate

By **RABBI SAMUEL SILVER**

As everyone knows, in Biblical times the Jews were polygamous. Jacob had a couple of wives and King Solomon had more. But nowadays the



Jews are not polygamous. What happened?

What happened was that a very influential rabbi told the Jews of Europe: From now on, it's one wife to a man. And he was obeyed. That forceful man was Rabbi Gershom ben Judah (965-1028). Known as the "Light of the Diaspora," Gershom was one of those forceful people who shape history. He flourished in Germany. He instituted the marriage reform in the shape of a "takkanah," a correction.

He had no powers of enforcement but his prestige was so great that when 1,040 years ago he called for a cessation of multi-wiving he was obeyed. His decree didn't affect the Sephardic Jews who dwelt in Hispanic and Muslim countries, where polygamy continued. In modern times when Sephardic Jews came to Palestine they were permitted to keep their wives, but couldn't acquire any more. Now polygamy is legally banned in Israel and today even Sephardic families accept the Gershom mandate.

The rabbi also forbade reading other people's mail, forcing a woman to accept a divorce and ridiculing Jews who had left the faith and later returned to it.

With his colossal erudition, Gershom (known as Rabbenu, "Our Rabbi") produced a corrected version of the Talmud and wrote commentaries on the Bible. (Rabbi Aaron ben

Shurin, in the *Forward*).

For Yeshiva bochers

In the United States, Rabbi Tzvi Meir, president of the Orthodox association known as Agudath Ha-Rabbanim (Rabbinical Union) issued a demand upon Prime Minister Barak of Israel: don't draft Yeshiva students into the Army.

He offered an interesting reason for his appeal. Israel is surrounded by groups that want to destroy her. The only thing that averts that destruction is the fact that yeshiva students are praying to God on behalf of the Jews. (*Algemeiner Journal*).

Holocaust deniers

Israelis were distracted during the visit of the pope by two extremist outbursts. One came from the Mufti of Jerusalem, Sheik Ikrim Sabri, who ridiculed the Jews. They make such a fuss over the Holocaust, he sneered, as though they are the only people who have ever been persecuted.

As a matter of fact, he said, he feels like the figure of six million dead is an exaggeration. Further, he remarked, they are using the Holocaust as a way of getting sympathy from people like the pope.

On the Jewish side, the former Sephardic chief rabbi, Obadiah Joseph, gave vent to anger at the Israeli education minister, Jose Sharid. He accused him of reducing funds for Sephardic religious schools. In the spirit of Purim, he said that Sharid's name ought to be wiped out like that of Haman. When some of his own followers told him he had gone too far, he backtracked in a statement and said he didn't mean to imply that the minister should be "rubbed out."

Barak abstained from harsh criticism of Joseph. Why? Because his party, Shas, is part of the coalition. And if that party secedes from the alliance, new elections would have to occur. (*Algemeiner Journal*)

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Review by **SYBIL KAPLAN**

"A Mediterranean Feast" by Clifford A. Wright, William Morrow, \$35 hardcover, 816 pp.

"This book is a history with recipes...[which] focuses on foods emanating from historically important cities, villages, seaports and regions of the Mediterranean." The central thesis of this encyclopedic work is the Mediterranean cuisines we eat today.

"The loom of the book will be the history and ecology of the Mediterranean while the warp and woof will be the interconnectedness of life and food. The needle that threads the story will be contemporary recipes that one could find in Mediterranean homes today."

Part I covers man and environment — the Mediterranean gastronomy, historical Mediterranean and the importance of food. Part II is the geography of the Mediterranean and interactions of the populations with their environment. Part III is the importance of spice and grain.

Besides the extensive collection of maps and illustrations, scattered throughout the book are essays on diverse topics like Parmesan cheese, gazpacho, Egyptian beverages, cooking pasta in a couscouisiere and more. There is a chapter on wandering Jews and their cuisine; essays on the sources; an Islamic glossary; an alphabetical list of pantry contents; a Mediterranean food product resource list and a bibliography. More than 500 recipes are also included among the fascinating material which covers from the end of the Roman Empire in the fifth century until 1700 and then forward.

The intriguing subtitle alone would make anyone interested in the history of cuisines want to delve into this book — *The Story of the Birth of the Celebrated Cuisines of the Mediterranean*, from the Merchants of Venice to the Barbary Corsairs, with More than 500 Recipes.

Clifford Wright is a cookbook author, food writer and research scholar specializing in the Mediterranean cuisines and it is these skills which produced six cookbooks as well.

Cookbook collectors, lovers of Mediterranean food and culture, those who enjoy history and travel (real or armchair) will find this volume an enjoyable reading experience. "Vegetarian Times Cooks

Mediterranean" by editors of *Vegetarian Times*, William Morrow, hardcover, 342 pp.

Many people who observe kashrut are vegetarians; and now the editors of *Vegetarian Times* magazine have contributed more than 250 recipes based on the Mediterranean diet.

The introductory essay on the Mediterranean region sets the scene for recipes from Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Libya, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Turkey, Greece, Italy, France and Spain.

Then, in a second essay, the region is broken down and the history of their foods is discussed. The Mediterranean diet is explained and there follow chapters on appetizers, salads, soups; tarts, pastries and egg dishes; pastas, grains, vegetable entrees, side dishes; pizza and breads; sauce and marinades; desserts; menu suggestions; a glossary and mail-order sources.

Even those who are not strictly vegetarian will find many recipes that fit into a kosher kitchen. As a strong lover of Mediterranean food, I was especially excited with

new recipes for caponata (eggplant spread), tabbouleh (bulgur salad), orzo pilaf, classic ratatouille, marinated eggplant, pesto and Moroccan tea.

All lovers of Mediterranean foods will find this a welcome addition to their kitchens because of the healthy dishes with great tastes and its very impressive collection, even for non-vegetarians!

"*Totally Dairy-Free Cooking*" by Louis Lanza, William Morrow, \$25 hardcover, 246 pp.

In general, the cookbooks I review are kosher and Jewish but there are so many people who are lactose intolerant, this cookbook would be useful. Lanza is co-owner and executive chef of two New York eateries. Here he takes his expertise and perfects it for the home with appetizers, soups and stocks, salads, pasta and pizza, fish and seafood, vegetarian dishes, chicken, turkey and duck, sauces, condiments, side dishes, kids' dishes, desserts and drinks — 167 in all.

Ignore the non-kosher reci-

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Misconceptions

Holiday clarity request ok

By **RABBI REUVEN BULKA**

Misconception: It is inconsistent with the spirit of Yom Kippur to conduct charity appeals in the sanctuary.

Some congregations have



voted to eliminate appeals to their congregation on the Day of Atonement primarily for this reason. They claim that the appeal demeans the sacred spirit of the day and compromises the dignity of the Yom Kippur service.

However, Judaism affirms the significance of charity, a significance that is

emphasized in the prayers of Yom Kippur. The giving of charity is a meritorious act that reflects well upon those who give charity.

Much lip service is given on Yom Kippur to the process of repentance and introspection, but all this is of little value if there is no action attached to the contemplation. There is hardly an action that is more noble and indicative of proper priorities than the giving of charity. It shows a sense of caring, sharing, and empathizing with others, a humane spirit that must be the order of the day on Yom Kippur, and hopefully, afterward.

Not only is the appeal for charity on Yom Kippur consistent with the themes of the day, it may even be said that the refusal to make such appeal is totally inconsistent with the spirit of Yom Kippur.

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Israel: As I See It

Pope John Paul II seeks brotherhood!

By SAMSON KRUPNICK

Pope John Paul II made a "private" pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Hundreds of millions followed his every step during a



busy week, beginning in Jordan and continuing for six days in Israel. Some 75,000 pilgrims joined him. Massive crowds observed the pope as he rode by in an enclosed autodome. His first visits were with the Palestinians and Arafat was in his glory pawing the pontiff. He visited a refugee camp, Dehaishe; especially designed to indicate misery and reacted properly urging "peace with justice."

He followed with a thought that Palestinians "should have a homeland." The Palestinians attempted to make political capital at every opportunity, despite agreements with Israeli officials at the request of the pope. Particularly was this onerous practice glaring in Nazareth and in Bethlehem.

Thereafter, the pope revealed his primary objective in this pleasurable but physically difficult pilgrimage (at age 79 with Parkinson's illness). At the most solemn gathering of all, at the Holocaust Museum Yad Vashem, a very impressive ceremony was conducted with references to the six million victims of the camps exhibited on the huge floor, some of the worst of which were in Poland at Auschwitz (Oswiecim) and Birkenau where over 3 million were killed with the enthusiastic help of the Poles. The ceremony included a "hazkara" by Cantor Asher Hinowitz that brought tears to all present including the pope, who was much affected by the enormity of the crime committed in a Christian Europe.

The pope responded with a bitter condemnation of all those responsible and all those who were silent. He considered it "A crime against G-d and humanity." He regretted the position of the Church

which placed blame on Jews as "killers of Jesus" responsible for the death of many Jews during the centuries, particularly during the Crusades and later during inquisitions. He urged the opening of a new page between Christians and their "elder brothers, the Jews with their joint inspiration from the Bible and Father Abraham."

Chief Rabbi Meir Israel Lau welcomed the message of the pope spoken in terms of deep emotion. Prime Minister Ehud Barak, who accompanied the pope in a number of visits, agreed with the pope that henceforth a new relationship should prevail be-

by the Palestinians and the Wakf.

The pope held a huge two-hour prayer at the Korazim Mount where Christians believe Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount. Over 100,000 were in attendance. A "cantor" led the prayers followed by a large chorus and the participation of those in attendance. Later a reception was held in the Vatican Hall on Mount "Osher" near Tiberias. The chief rabbis received the pope in Heichal Shlomo in Jerusalem and accompanied him throughout.

Aside from the diplomatic niceties towards Palestinians and other Christians, the

instant. Jews never killed Christians. Hence the relationship of the pope is basically different than with others.

In 1964 pope Paul VI visited the Holy Land — not Israel. He met President Zalman

Shazar at Megiddo and refused to call him "President." He also refused to meet the chief rabbis. In 1965 Pope John XXIII in a declaration removed the accusation of Jews

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tween Jews and Christians. A number of messages in the same vein were delivered by group representatives in the calm spirit of the occasion. A boorish exception was the representative of the Palestine Authority who lashed out in screeching tones a tirade against Israel. Chief Rabbis Meir Israel Lau and Eliyahu Bakshi Doron escorted the pope to the Kotel (Western Wall) and a brief ceremony followed.

The pope's brief stop at the Temple Mount was exploited

pope's objective was crystal clear — to bring a new order between Jews and Roman Catholics, who have Jewish blood on their hands for centuries. The relations between Muslims and Christians in all the years and to this day are steeped in hatred often followed by wholesale killings of total communities through Europe and Asia.

Locally Muslim Arabs despise Christians Arabs as traitors to the faith. Kosovo is a current example. Moslem conquest of Spain is another such

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Social Calendar

By Jean Herschaft

The Metropolitan Region, United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (METNY), is a fast moving, active, innovative group. It serves all age groups with a striking vitality in the programs it promotes. Take its focus on intermarriage.

METNY's Committee on Marriage Within the Faith recently held its 4th annual workshop for parents and grandparents. It was entitled: "Let's Talk About It: Our Children/Grandchildren are Intermarried." Workshops were held in three locations. Each was led by a rabbi and a trained social worker, **Bruce Greenfield**, its dynamic executive director was eager to relate.

"The sessions gave parents and grandparents an opportunity to explore issues and share their feelings in an open and supportive environment," **Alan Rashes**, of the Conservative Synagogue of Jamaica Estates and **Deanna Miller**, co-chair, added.

The sessions were held at Greenburgh Hebrew Center where they were led by **Rabbi Barry Kenter** and **Pat Grossman**, social worker for Westchester Jewish Community Services.

Also, at East Midwood Jewish Center, Brooklyn with **Rabbi Alvin Kass** and **Ellen Fetner**, CSW, leading the sessions. Temple Beth Torah, of Westbury Long Island was another scene with the sessions led by **Rabbi Michael Katz** and **Elaine Zucker**, QCSWR, who has worked with individuals and families in Conservative congregations.

In a letter to METNY following his session, Rabbi Kenter, who has been involved in the program from its inception commended the Region for "courageously addressing the reality of the Jewish world in which we live. The presence of both a social worker and a rabbi lend both credibility and authenticity to the project."

USYers (United Synagogue Youth) held four divisional programs whose content theme was Interdating and Intermarriage, highlighting the pitfalls in innovative ways. Almost 500 USYers attended. The METNY Committee Within the Faith, established in 1992, has conducted many programs on the issue and outreach. METNY is the only region in the United Synagogue that has such AND THE REST OF THIS SENTENCE RAN OFF THE PAPER AND CANNOT BE FOUND ANYWHERE.....

METNY's annual Administrative Conference brought in a professional named **Barbara Dershowitz**, a member of Temple Beth Torah, Westbury, N.Y., to teach lay leaders how to promote their synagogues in exciting ways.

First, she offered, one must ask and answer: "What are the synagogue goals? What does it stand for? What can people expect from it? How does the synagogue define and project its public image? Do the synagogue's informational pieces inform and excite its target audiences, both inside and outside the congregation?"

She ticked off strategies to encourage membership and participation in synagogue activities. "The Bulletin," she said, is an instrument for "direct inreach," and should be mailed to college students and "snow birds" who spend the winter months away from the congregation in warmer locales. Weekly mailings, a phone tree, personal contact and e-mail lists are other successful ways of reaching your membership.

For "outreach" to the greater community, Dershowitz recommended a synagogue web page, print advertising, informational publications and an aggressive news release campaign before and after special programs, building improvements, members' accomplishments, holiday celebrations, and compositions by students in the religious school.

METNY President **Eugene D. Zinberg** attended a holiday reception at the White House. He attended a Hanukkah party tendered by New York Gov. **George Pataki**, while **Martha Shlefstein** attended the reception of **Peter Vallone**, New York City Council president. All were representatives of METNY, proudly.

Meanwhile, **Dr. Richard Kaufman**, of the Jewish Community Center of Harrison, N.Y., has been appointed general chairman of the Shirley and Jacob Fuchsberg Center Campaign. A

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Jews By Choice Purpose

By MARY HOFMANN

Yesterday my school staff threw me an "end of chemo" party filled with hugs and thanks and tears and bagels and cream cheese.



They are, of course, quite aware that we HOPE it was my "final chemo," that my situation will continue to be a high risk one, and that "cure" isn't really in the vocabulary. But it was a landmark day, nonetheless, and they wanted to celebrate for me.

After the party, as I was sitting in my office trying to pull myself back together, Wayne, one of my favorite teacher friends, dropped by for a final hug and a little of what I'm sure he hoped would be uplifting and supportive conversation.

"You've really been an inspiration to us all," he told me. "You've been so brave and cheerful and it's been amazing to watch you just keep on going like the Energizer Bunny."

"Funny," I said. "I never really thought I had a choice. I mean, I could have just curled up and died, I suppose; it seems to me I just did what I had to do — and you all made it possible for me to do it."

"No," he went on. "God has a plan for you and this is part of it." I couldn't help but register surprise, even knowing Wayne is a diehard Presbyterian.

I laughed, somewhat sardonically, I suppose. "Well," I said, "if advanced breast cancer is God's plan for me, I'd like a chance to renegotiate. I think this plan sucks."

Wayne got serious. "I mean it," he said. "God doesn't guarantee life, but He does create a purpose for each of our lives. You've touched so many people, your life has been a blessing for all of us who know you."

I wasn't sure how to react. I know he meant well, but he was getting right to the heart of who I am as a Jew and why I can't be a Christian.

I stood up, hugged him, and thanked him for his faith in me. "As a Jew," I said, you must know that I'm truly sensitive to the fact that life isn't a guarantee. But I simply cannot believe in a God who would PLAN to give me breast cancer, or plan for children to be dying of starvation or disease or accidents, or plan to let Hitler — or Pol Pot or any other tyrant — wipe out whole populations because they want to."

"But you HAVE to," he went on. "You have to believe that everything has a purpose and you can't really under-

make the best of it and possibly create that purpose. I can't, no matter how I'd like to, mentally rearrange the universe so it revolves around you or me or any of us — singly OR collectively. But I can take MY life and behave in a way that makes it meaningful — to me, to my family, to anyone I touch. I can accept that God would expect that of me, but I can't accept that God would give me cancer to make it happen."

We hugged again, agreed to disagree, and set off on the rest of the day's tasks, each of us as certain of our positions

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stand that purpose during this lifetime. I don't know how anyone could cope with all the tragedies otherwise."

"Because we have to," I answered softly. "Because we are driven to try to make sense of things, and if they don't make sense, then I believe it is our responsibility to at least

as we were before.

I'm a Jew. I need to like God as well as revere God. Isn't it ironic, I thought, that Christians seem to believe that the "Old Testament" God is so stern and judgmental when, at least in practice, it seems to me it's quite the other way around.

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pes, but you'll come up with wonderful ideas to adapt to kashrut with many of the others. For cheese, he recommends soy cheeses; for yogurt, try soy yogurt. Soy milk substitutes for milk; soybean margarine is used for margarine.

Tofu sour cream works in

guacamole; Caesar salad uses soy Parmesan; pizza has soy Parmesan and soy mozzarella cheese. There's a recipe for tofu sour cream (home made); macaroni and cheese with soy margarine, soy milk and soy cheddar and Parmesan cheese; vanilla tapioca pudding with soy milk and soy whipped cream.

It's Arlene Peck!

Israel Film [and schmoozing] Festival

By ARLENE PECK

After all the negative columns that I've been writing lately about the continuous scandals in Israel, it's nice to have something new and



happy to write about.

The Israel Film Festival came to town this week! It never ceases to amaze me how talented a people we are. Living out here, where everyone seems somehow to be connected to "the business," I've learned to watch the credits at the end of a movie and nod my head as all the Jewish names go by.

I've attended Academy Awards nights both here and in Israel and what a difference in mood! There is far less pomp and pretense in the Israeli version. I remember a few years ago, having a chance to spend some time with Arthur Hiller, who was the head of the film academy. Arthur had been invited to Tel Aviv to present the awards. The previous year I had sat by him in Los Angeles and we both had been dressed in formal attire. However, when he traveled to Israel, he was told he might wear a sport coat because they were "more casual." Rather than go up on the stage in jeans, as most of the others did, he stayed his elegant self. When the television was aired later that night and the following day, I stood out in my red sequined dress and he in his suit.

The Israel Film Festival, which is the creation of Meir Fenigstein, has done an incredible job in bringing this important entertainment venue not only to Los Angeles, but, now to four other cities around the country. It is in its 16th year and growing rapidly. This marvelous week can also be seen in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and Miami. In fact, what began with only six entries in 1982 is now the largest showcase of Israeli films in the U.S., boasting 41 entries and growing.

The opening film, Yana's

Friends, the story of a pregnant and penniless Russian immigrant, was terrific and won 10 Israeli Academy Awards last year. During the reception, I had the chance to speak with its star, Evelyn Kaplan, and found her very much like the sweet girl she played on screen.

Ashley Judd, who is a marvelous actress, introduced producer and founder of New Regency Pictures, Mr. Arnon Milchan. What a darling man! He captured the audience of mostly Israelis with his charm. She introduced him as wanting to meet a man who has a credit line of a billion dollars.

laboratory Deluxe Inc. and the Israeli Government to develop a multimillion-dollar state-of-the-art film center in Israel. Lord knows, they can use it. I was appalled two years ago when I began a weekly talk show there and found the process that they were using far behind what I had been working with in my television show here in Los Angeles.

Among the audience, I was delighted to see my old friend, Theodore Bikel, looking fit from a recent cruise where he had been invited by Holland American. They entertained him royally for three weeks

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I'd like to mention just a few of his credits, starting with *Pretty Woman*, *The War of the Roses*, *JFK*, *A Time To Kill*, *Freewilly*, *The Client*, *Heat*, *LA Confidential*, *The Devil's Advocate*, *The Negotiator* and *City of Angels*. Any sound familiar? Wow, what a talent!

Also honored at the reception was Adam Greenberg, who is known as one of Hollywood's top cinematographers. He was born in Poland and immigrated to Israel in 1950. His list of credits was equally impressive. Just a few of the films in his long and brilliant career were James Cameron's *Terminator 2: Judgment Day*, *LaBamba*, *Three Men and a Cradle*, *Alien Nation*, *Ghost* (which I loved) *Sister Act* with Whoopi Goldberg and a host more. As of late, he and his brother John, have worked jointly with film processing

and flew him and his son from Kenya to Singapore for a one-time concert. Theo told me that he had worked with two of the actors in the movie we had just seen. I wasn't surprised, as I think at one time or another he has appeared with almost everybody. Presently, he's getting ready to do a nationwide tour of *Fiddler on the Roof*.

I also had a chance to speak with Sarah and her husband, Mel Kinder. He has written many best sellers, including *Smart Women*, *Foolish Choices*, and *Mastering Your Moods*. Actually, when I look at the titles of his books, I think I could have written them myself. Anyway, the crowd was filled with a lot of heavy hitters in Israeli society. Too many to mention, but, I was delighted to see Avi Lerner,

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From My Kosher Kitchen

New noshes for Pesach

By SYBIL KAPLAN

This can be used as a side dish with a meat entrée for the seder or as a dessert after the meal.

Hot Fruit Compote

8-12 servings

6 ounces dry apricots

6 ounces dry pears or peaches or split

12 ounces pitted prunes

1/2 cup raisins

1/2 cup cinnamon sticks

1 cinnamon stick

2 1/2 T. lemon juice

2 1/2 t. lemon peel

1 1/2 T. orange peel

1/2 cup orange juice

3/4 cup water

1/2 cup chopped almonds

1/4 cup brandy

1. Place apricots, pears or peaches or both, prunes, raisins, cinnamon sticks, cinnamon stick, lemon juice, lemon peel, orange peel, orange juice, water, almonds and brandy in a large pot. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 25-30 minutes.

2. Reheat before serving or place in a chafing dish to keep warm.

Lil's Chocolate No-Bake Cookies

2 sticks pareve no-salt margarine

2 1/2 cups matzah meal

2 cups sugar

1/2 cup cocoa powder

2 eggs

1 t. red wine or lemon juice.

1. Melt margarine. Mix together in a bowl with matzah meal, sugar and cocoa.

2. Add eggs and wine and lemon juice. Mix well. Shape into small balls. Place on a platter and refrigerate overnight. If mixture is too dry, add some juice; if too wet, add matzah meal.

Variation: Dip balls into flaked coconut or ground nuts before refrigerating.

Sugar-Free Brownies

16 squares

3 eggs

2 pkgs. Sugar-free cocoa mix

1/2 cup oil

1/2 cup potato starch

nuts

1. In a mixing bowl, combine eggs with sugar-free cocoa mix. Add oil, potato starch and nuts. Pour into greased baking pan. Bake in 350 degree oven 30 minutes.

Marilyn's Coconut Matzah Balls

20 large balls

1/3 cup oil

1 egg

1/4 cup water or coffee or orange juice

1/2 cup sugar

1/4 cup matzah meal

1/4 cup ground nuts

1/4 cup cocoa

2 T. cognac, wine or cherry brandy

1 T. coconut

1. In a mixing bowl, combine oil, egg, liquid, sugar, matzah meal, nuts, cocoa and liqueur or wine. Shape into balls.

2. Roll in coconut. Refrigerate.

Malka's Chocolate Lemon Cake

7 eggs

1 cup sugar

1/2 cup oil

juice of one lemon

5 T. ground nuts

5 T. matzah meal

2 ounces bittersweet chocolate, melted

1. Combine egg yolks with oil and lemon in a mixing bowl

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The Silver Lining

What happened to Moses?

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

What happened to Moses? He is hardly mentioned in the Passover Haggadah. Who notices during the Seder the almost total silence in the Haggadah about the principal personage of the Passover saga?

He it was who first dreamed of a people's freedom. He it was who stepped down from royal status to hitch his destiny to that of slaves. He it was who dared to defy Pharaoh. He it was who captained the Israelites in their flight from Egypt. But you can scan the Haggadah and delve into its pages and you will find but one or two references to the hero of the story in the story itself.

Why this silence? Is it neglect? Is it ingratitude? Or is it perhaps an accident? No. It is none of these. The Haggadah deliberately "plays down" Moses because its composers knew that so great was the one-man achievement of Moses that stressing his role might lead to idolatry.

After all, Moses rescued the Israelites in order to teach them a faith in which there was no place for idol worship. The apotheosis of Moses would have defeated the mission of Moses. Hence, the men who created the Haggadah preserved the spirit of Moses by underplaying his role. He himself attributed their liberation to the Almighty One. The Haggadah thus teaches us the important lesson to ascribe to God men's deeds, for His inspiration is responsible for history's wondrous episodes.

Complaints And Compliments

As I often do, I dipped into the Bible recently and read some passages in both Testaments. Then I drowsed off and dreamt I was talking to the major personages of both parts of Holy Writ, Moses and Jesus. As a result of my browsing I had a complaint and compliment for both of them.

First, Moses. I said, "Moshe (that's his Hebrew name; it means Lifter), why did you kill that Egyptian taskmaster? True, he was cruel, but perhaps you could have reformed him instead of removing him. Remember, the way to get rid of an enemy is to make him your friend."

I would praise Moses for what he said in the book of Leviticus (19.34): "You shall love the stranger as you love yourself."

Now Jesus, (whose name was Joshua, or rather Y'hoo-shoo-ah - God saves). I chided him for the way he once referred to non-Jews. In Matthew 7.6 he is quoted as saying, "Do not give dogs what is holy and do not cast pearls before swine." I told him that he knows better than to speak disparagingly of those who are not in his group. "In the eyes of God, all mankind is a family."

But I would compliment Jesus for what he said on the Mount: "Blessed are the peacemakers for they are called sons of God." Yes, nothing is more desirable than peace on earth.

But Moses and Jesus were

rabbis. That means "my teacher." Teachers can help us learn what to avoid and what to avow. Often they opt for amity and not enmity.

Why don't you brush off your Bible and get re-acquainted with some of its contents? They can incite insights of value. You can be uplifted by some of the sayings of Moses and saved from iniquity by some of the sayings of Jesus. Happy browsing!

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Krupnick

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killing Jesus and uprooted all anti-Semitism. However only in 1993 were full diplomatic relations between the Vatican and Israel established.

This visit of Pope John Paul II was in a sense a miracle of faith. Of all people, a Pole is the pope who calls us "Our dearly beloved elder brothers, the people of the Almighty." His record of friendship goes back to his priesthood in the small town of Wadowice. A number of "landsmen" his Jewish friends, greeted him on his current pilgrimage. There were some who were wary of the pope's leaning to the Palestinians. It should be obvious that his prime objective is to establish a truly new relationship between Jews and Roman Catholics. It appears to us to be all to the good.

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debate.

Reason #1 It's better to practice the 10 Commandments than to post them. Let's start counter campaigns. Instead of sending every member of Congress a framed copy of the 10 Commandments to post in their office (41 members of Congress have already complied with this request), let's give them each a wallet sized list to place in their purse or pocket with red letter text highlighting the ones that say: "Thou shalt not steal." (That's a lesson in campaign finance reform). "Thou shalt not bear false witness." (That's a lesson in campaign advertising reform). And of course, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." (Which is a message from God to you personally, not a stick for you to use against everyone else but yourself).

(Rabbi Rapport serves Congregation Adath Israel Brith Sholom, Louisville.)

Peck

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one of the sponsors and head of Nu Image. Nice man and he's a gentleman. I'll be look-

ing forward to seeing him when I attend the Film Festival in Cannes, which is coming up shortly. Stay tuned.

Herschaft

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Harvard trained economist who has held positions with the Federal Reserve Board, General Electric and Chase Manhattan Bank, he also served the late vice president and New York State Gov. Nelson Rockefeller. Dr. Kaufman is a member of the Fuchesberg family.

The Fuchesberg Center is in Jerusalem. It serves as a center for Conservative Movement events including the USY Israel Pilgrimage.

METNY has slated May 3 for its leadership mission to Washington.

Bruce Greenfield, this column salutes you.

Kaplan

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and blend.

2. In another bowl, beat whites until stiff and set aside momentarily.
3. Combine matzah meal, chocolate in a third bowl.
4. Add sugar to egg whites. Combine chocolate mixture with yolk mixture. Fold in chocolate mixture. Pour into a greased sponge cake pan. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven one hour.

After-Dinner Fig or Date or Prune Candy

- 3/4 cup coconut
- 12-14 finely chopped figs or dates or prunes
- 1/2 cup finely chopped nuts
- 2 t. lemon juice or orange juice
- 2 t. lemon peel or orange peel
- 3/4 cup coconut
1. In a bowl mix 3/4 cup coconut with figs, dates or prunes, nuts, orange or lemon peel, orange or lemon juice. Using tablespoon, press into balls.
2. Place remaining coconut in a shallow dish. Roll balls in coconut. Refrigerate one hour.

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